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TAGS: ACOM, US, UR

SUBJECT:US/USSR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK (DCL)

REF: MOSCOW 13652

1. REQUEST AMEMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
DR. MINASHIN SOONEST:

DEAR DR. MINASHIN:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 23, CONCERNING THE
CURRENT STATUS OF THE DCL WITHIN THE USSR. I ASSUME THE
SCPC EQUIPMENT SENT BY ITT SPACECOM IS BEING INSTALLED IN
THE "MOSCOW EARTH STATION" DESCRIBED IN THE DECEMBER 10,
1973 PROTOCOL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED TESTING
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OF THIS STATION AND HOPE THE NEW EQUIPMENT WILL CORRECT

THE PROBLEM.

AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, THE SEPTEMBER 11, 1972, PROTOCOL, ESTIMATED THAT BOTH TGP-3 AND 4 WOULD BE ACTIVATED BY THE END OF 1974. TO MEET THIS AGREED DATE, WE RESORTED TO EXTRAORDINARY ACTIONS, AND THEREFORE, BOTH THE US STATION DETRICK AND US STATION ETOM HAVE BEEN READY FOR ACTIVATION FOR THE PAST YEAR. I AM SURE YOU

SHARE OUR ANXIETY TO COMPLETE THE DCL PROJECT AT AN EARLY DATE.

TO ASSIST US IN PLANNING, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN THE DETRICK/VLADIMIR STATION TESTING WILL RESUME AND WHEN TERMINAL-TO-TERMINAL TESTING CAN BEGIN. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE WHEN INSTALLATION OF THE NEW SET OF SCPC EQUIPMENT IN THE MOSCOW EARTH STATION WILL BE COMPLETED SO THAT MEANINGFUL TESTING, LEADING TO EARLY ACTIVATION OF TGP-4, CAN RESUME.

I AM PLEASE TO KNOW YOU AGREE THAT THE EXPECTED PERFORMANCE OF THE TGP-4 CHANNEL MUST AT LEAST EQUAL TGP-1.

BEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

WILLIS E. NAEHER

2. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN THIS LETTER HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO DR. MINASHIN.

3. DEPARTMENT STILL EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING NECESSARY INFORMATION ON DCL PROJECT FROM MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (MINASHIN). IT IS A YEAR LATER AND WE GET NO MEANINGFUL RESPONSES, EVEN ON BASIC ISSUES. IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR EMBASSY TO APPROACH MFA FOR ASSISTANCE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS OR OPINION IF IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO BRING THIS MATTER TO MFA, REQUEST-UNCLASSIFIED

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ING THEIR ASSISTANCE. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE
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